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amenities at the 11 model stations selected in Andhra Pradesh, 5 stations viz. Hyderabad, Secunderabad, Tirupati, Vijaywada and Visakhapatnam were selected in the month of June, 1999 and various facilities like Standardised Signage, Computerisation of Complaints, National Train Enquiry System, Interactive Voice Response System have already been provided. Improvements in amenities like upgradation of Waiting Room, Enquiry Counter, Booking Counter, Retiring Rooms, etc. have also been undertaken. Out of the remaining 6 stations, 4 were selected at the end of January, 2000 and 2 in the month of May, 2000, and provision of similar upgraded passenger amenities at these stations is in progress.

Free education for girls upto graduation

***378. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ:** Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government have since prepared the scheme for free education for girls upto graduation level;

(b) if so, the modalities thereof;

(c) the assistance provided to States for implementation of the scheme; and

(d) the States which are not implementing the scheme, with reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (d) The proposed scheme 'National Programme for Women's Education' is at an advanced stage of preparation. The details of the scheme have not yet been finalized.

Allocation for Kumarghat-Agartala Rail Line

***379. SHRI KHAGEN DAS:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 753, given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th July, 2000 and state what has been the year- wise fund allocation for Kumarghat-Agartala rail line project, since 1996?